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Hours of operation

Chapel center:

Chaplain available 24 hours per day,
7 days per week
(pager: 413-785-3195), base Ext. 3031

Fitness center:

Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday (non-UTA), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday (non-UTA), closed
UTA Saturdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
UTA Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center:

Monday-Friday lunch and bowling,
11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Westover Consolidated Club:

Breakfast: 6-8 a.m. until Thursday
lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
dinner, 5-8 p.m.

Westover Dining Facility (daily)

Beginning Thursday, breakfast,
6-8 a.m., \$1.60 for those on per diem,
UTA status - free
Midnight meals, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
boxed meals provided daily

Family Support Center:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday of A UTA,
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday of B UTA, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
closed Sunday of B UTA

Legal office:

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Base exchange:

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Shoppette:

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
(7:30 p.m. starting tomorrow)
Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Barber shop (located next to BX)

Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
closed Sundays

Daily base shuttle:

Bus will complete route every 15
minutes during meal hours at the
Westover Club and dining facility.
Other stops: Hangar Avenue, supply
and bowling center.

722nd New Yorkers preparing to leave one front line for another

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron medical specialists don't know where they may be going to war, but they know why they are going.

For the medical specialists of the Patriot Wing's geographically separated unit, the war on terrorism is as real as a slap in the face. From where they work it's possible to go up a tall building and see the gap left in the Manhattan skyline since September 11. That gives a sense of common purpose to the squadron's 30 medical specialists who were activated for Operation Enduring Freedom on Feb. 26 and went through a mobilization line here last week.

"We had a group go down to Ground Zero after September 11 to take a look and see the devastation and why we put the uniform on every day and serve," said MSgt. Anthony Tomchak, 722nd ASTS first sergeant.

"Everyone knows someone who was a victim, involved in the rescue or worked around the Wall Street area," said TSgt. Worrell Francis, squadron senior ART. He and the first sergeant spent hours accounting for the safety of all squadron members. Many

members felt a sense of disappointment when they were not activated as part of the call-ups following September 11.

The Patriot Wing medical specialists of the geographically separated unit serve at Fort Hamilton, an Army post located in Brooklyn within miles of the World Trade Center.

They went through a mobilization line here in anticipation of deploying to Southwest Asia. They remained at Westover last week undergoing weapons qualification and performing other administrative duties before returning to Fort Hamilton to await orders on Friday.

SrA. Joseph, a medical technician whose last name can't be used because he is among those deploying, was at Fort Hamilton on September 11. "You could smell the smoke. Even the next morning I walked out of my building and it hit you," he said. All day his frantic wife tried to reach him, but every telephone was down.

A long-time family friend was among the firefighters never found. "His wife didn't hear from him for days. Slowly we came to the conclusion that we had lost him," SrA. Joseph said.

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Maintainers spray de-icer on a C-5 following last Friday's snowfall and sudden plunge in temperatures that left ice everywhere. The storm dropped 4.2 inches of snow on Westover, bringing the total for the season to 84 inches. The record since 1946 is 107.7 inches, measured here in 1995-96.

(photo by MSgt. W.C.Pope)

439th AW MISSION: Actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobility forces

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Fort Hamilton overlooks the Verrazano Narrows Bridge between Brooklyn and Staten Island. The squadron of about 115 members is the only Air Force Reserve unit stationed at an Army garrison. During the Gulf War the squadron served more than six months at King Khalid Military City and Dahran, Saudi Arabia.

The 30 activated aeromedical specialists include a doctor, nurses, emergency medical technicians, biomedical, dietary, pharmacy and supply specialists. The 722nd ASTS members are trained and equipped to set up an aeromedical staging facility to provide medical care and evacuation of patients. The activated group includes a Critical Care Action Team to provide emergency care to critical patients.

MSgt. William, a medical technician and Gulf War veteran, was in Manhattan on September 11. He saw the anxiety of co-workers for their families and spent hours crammed on subways as people fled the stricken city.

"We will be fighting terrorism to keep it away from our families and our own city, away from our back yard. That's the message to convey to our families," he said.

Pat Stats

Served since February 2, 2003
2,571 passengers - 375 aircraft
8,514,761 pounds of cargo
Info from MSgt. Jim Garrity, 42nd APS

Box lunches

1,826 hot meals served

674 to duty personnel

1,674 to flight passengers

Info from TSgt. David Beauregard, 439SVS

Fuel (since Feb. 1)

3,293,354 gallons JP-8 issued
to assigned and transient aircraft

Info from Jim Maloney, Fuels

Lt. Gov. Healey "supports the troops"

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey last Friday brought a message of support from the people of Massachusetts for Westover and the Patriot Wing's role in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The lieutenant governor came to Westover for a first-hand view of the surge on a day when 21 Galaxies from six bases nationally were on the flightline. That may be the largest number of Galaxies ever assembled here up to that day.

TV and newspaper reporters trailed the lieutenant governor as she toured a C-5. Later, she visited a contingent of Army troops in the Passenger Terminal who were awaiting the next leg of their deployment to Southwest Asia.

"We are the largest joint training center in New England...the closest base to Europe," Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, told the lieutenant governor. He noted that the strategically close location means a C-5 Galaxy leaving Westover for Europe requires less fuel and as a result can carry 20,000 pounds more payload than a similar aircraft leaving Dover AFB, Del.

He spoke of how "individuals have all rallied around." Of the 24-hour operations, he said "we will keep on doing it as long as the Nation needs it."

The lieutenant governor said that during her visit here she could see people "doing an incredible job...important for our country."

"We all hope for a diplomatic solution, but must be prepared. Westover is a very important part of being prepared," the lieutenant governor said.

She said her message to the Patriot Wing is "how incredibly proud the governor (Mitt Romney) and I are of the men and women of Westover and Western Massachusetts. We appreciate your contributions to be prepared for whatever decision needs to be made in the international arena," Healey said.

She and staff members were escorted by 42nd APS members through the Westover Passenger where she greeted soldiers who wore desert camouflage.

In the hangar, Lt. Col. James Carey, squadron commander, presented the lieutenant governor a red 42nd APS hat. "Wear that with pride because we do," he said.

Log your jogging and walking mileage

One of the most effective and safest ways to improve fitness is to jog or walk, and now you can watch your miles grow and win prizes by participating in the Westover Fitness Center's Miles Club.

For every walk or jog you do, whether you choose to go outside or stay inside, you can log your mileage with the Fitness Center to earn points. A progress chart will be posted.

For every 200, 350 or 600 miles you earn a T-shirt. At the end of a year, the three participants with the most miles earn prizes.

For more information, call Marc Grothues at Ext. 3958.

Shoppette open to 7:30 p.m.

The Westover Shoppette will be open later, starting on Wednesday. From Monday through Saturday, it will be open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday hours will remain 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The new hours will be in place on a trial basis for 30 days.

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